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Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-75 (canceled)

76. (Original):   An image forming device comprising:

predetermined line count-defining means for defining a reference line count and one or more n-th predetermined line counts each corresponding to a number which is n times as large as said reference line count (n represents a natural, number), with reference to which text data of part or all of basic character strings forming a plurality of lines each including at least one character is converted based on a predetermined font to image data of said part or all of said basic character strings and said image data is arranged in an edit image-forming memory area;

storage means for storing text data of said basic character strings;

determining means for determining whether or not the number of lines of said basic character strings to be formed when said text data of said basic character strings is converted to image data thereof and said image data of said basic character strings is arranged in said edit image-forming memory area exceeds in number any of said one or more n-th predetermined line counts;

edit information character string-forming means for forming edit information character strings, with reference to an n-th post-omission line count calculated by subtracting the number of lines of an n-th predetermined line omission-notifying character string for notifying omission of lines from each n-th predetermined line count which the number of lines of said basic character strings is determined to exceed, by inserting an n-th predetermined line overflow-notifying character string indicative of an excess in line count over said each n-th predetermined line count between an end of a line of said basic character strings immediately before the

count of lines of said basic character strings exceeds said n-th post-omission line count and a head of the following line; and

edit information image data-forming means for forming data of an edit information image by converting text data of said edit information character strings to image data thereof and arranging said image data of said edit information character strings in an edit information image-forming memory area.

77. (Original): An image forming device according to claim 76, wherein said one or more n-th predetermined line counts comprise a plurality of line counts defined by different values of said n, and

wherein the number of lines of said n-th predetermined line omission-notifying character string is identical for all of said plurality of line counts of said one or more n-th predetermined line counts.

78. (Original): An image forming device according to claim 76, including:

predetermined line count-setting means for setting one of said one or more n-th predetermined line counts to a predetermined line count with reference to which text data of said basic character strings is converted to image data thereof for arrangement in said edit image-forming memory area;

elided character string-forming means for forming elided character strings by omitting lines of said edit, information character strings after said n-th predetermined line overflow-notifying character string for the set one of said one or more n-th predetermined line counts;

elided basic character string-forming means for forming elided basic character strings in which said n-th predetermined line overflow-notifying character string for the set one of said one or more n-th predetermined line counts is added to said elided character strings; and

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elided image data-forming means for forming data of an elided image by converting text data of said elided basic character strings to image data thereof and arranging said image data of said elided basic character strings in said edit image-forming memory area.

79. (Original): An image forming device according to claim 78, wherein said elided image is a print image for printing on a printing object.

80. (Original): An image forming device according to claim 79, wherein said printing object is a tape.

81. (Original): An image forming device according to claim 78, wherein said n-th predetermined line omission-notifying character string is formed by an identical character string for all of said one or more n-th predetermined line counts.

82. (Original): An image forming device according to claim 81, wherein a predetermined serial number is defined to indicate information of each of said basic character strings, and said n-th predetermined line omission-notifying character string' indicates the number of all pieces of information of said basic character strings.

83. (Original): An image forming device according to claim 76, wherein said n-th predetermined line omission-notifying character string for said one or more n-th predetermined line counts is formed by a different character string for a different-value of said n.

84. (Original): An image forming device according to claim 83, wherein a predetermined serial number is defined to indicate information of each of said basic character strings, and said n-th predetermined line omission-notifying character

string indicates the number of omitted pieces of information of said basic character strings.

85. (Original):   An image forming device according to claim 76, wherein said edit information image is a display image for displaying on a display screen.

86. (Original):   An image forming device according to claim 76, wherein said edit information character strings correspond respectively to said basic character strings, and

wherein said edit information image-forming means converts text data of each of said edit information character strings to image data thereof and arranges said image data of said each of said edit information character strings in said edit information image-forming memory area such that an image of said each of said edit information character strings forms an image of one line of a character string.

87. (Original):   An image forming device according to claim 76, wherein said n-th predetermined line overflow-notifying character string includes a symbol easily discriminated from other characters.

88. (Original):   An image forming device according to claim 76, wherein said n-th predetermined line overflow-notifying character string includes at least, one character indicative of a number represented by said n.

89. (Original):   An image forming device according to claim 76, wherein said data of said edit information image is formed by converting text data of only a required range of said edit information character strings to image data thereof and arranging said image data of said required range of said edit information' character strings in said edit information image-forming memory area.

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90. (Original):   An image forming device according to claim 76, wherein said text data of said basic image character strings is stored in a disc, the image forming device includes reading means for reading said text data of said basic character strings from said disc.

91. (Original):   An image forming device according to claim 90, wherein said disc is a mini disc.

92. (Original):   An image forming device according to claim 90, wherein said reading means includes disc playback means for reading said text data of said basic character strings from said disc.

Claims 93-119 (cancelled).

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